# Sladefield Infant and Thornton Primary Schools Working Party

#### Meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 2021

#### **Present**

Mrs Cathy Grace – Head of Thornton Primary School
Mr Rob Meadows – Head of Sladefield Infant School
Mrs Nicola Connolly – Deputy Head of Sladefield Infant School
Mrs Katie Biddle-Rawbone – Assistant Head of Thornton Primary School
Mr Sajad Akram – Parent Thornton (Chair)
Mrs Obaida Javed – Parent Sladefield and Thornton (Vice-Chair)
Mr Tharack Ahmed – Parent Thornton
Mr Mohammed Ismail – Parent Sladefield
Mrs Ruth Donegan-Cross – Governor Sladefield (overseeing PHSE)
Khansmaira (sign-in name)
Sadnan (sign-in name)

#### 1. Apologies

None.

The meeting commenced at 10.05am on Microsoft Teams.

Item		Action Required
2.	Welcome Sajad welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The minutes from the previous meeting, previously shared, were approved.  Sajad outlined that the main purpose of the meeting was to allow for members of the Working Party to share their thoughts on the resources that both schools have added to the Teams folder for the Spring & Summer Terms.	•
3.	Discussion Sajad outlined that he was happy with all of the resources that he had seen.  Obaida asked whether the 'Bits and Bobs, Sweats & Spots' resource for Y5 at Thornton was the same video that had been shown to the steering group previously, and Katie said that it was.	

Obaida asked whether the school would be addressing this using the book or video. Katie replied that they will use a combination of both. Katie also outlined that the content was suggested as appropriate for Y3/4 pupils, but the school feels it is better aimed at Y5 in the community that the school serves.

Sajad asked if these sessions were delivered separately for genders. Cathy responded that they were as this was the most effective way.

Obaida questioned whether, because of COVID, the schools may not have had the chance to deliver some of the PHSE sessions planned. Katie agreed, stating that neither school delivered RSE remotely because it would not have been appropriate; the children need the support of an adult that is experienced in delivering the content. PSHE was focused on mental health and wellbeing. The current Y6 did miss Y5 RSE lessons, but will have them delivered in Y6 before Y6 content is delivered, ensuring that the children are Y7 ready.

Cathy added that the school staff will be communicating well in advance to parents/carers. Usually, the school shares the lesson with parents/carers. Don't think this can take place at the moment, but it might be the case that parents/carers can come into school. If not, Thornton are considering sharing a video at home on Google Classrooms, but waiting to see whether on site or remote communication would be required.

Katie added that there was an important need to ensure that the parents/carers were aware of the contents of sessions because some children may not feel comfortable discussing some of the contents in school with their peers, and therefore

need to have an avenue to discuss things at home.

Mohammed questioned whether the 'pin the sweat on the body' activity was the best way to deliver the message regarding hygiene.

Cathy outlined that this session was more of a discussion session, focusing more on finding solutions to hygienerelated issues (eg. use deodorant if armpits were sweating)

#### 4. Updating parents and carers

Nicola outlined that it was important for ongoing dialogue with parents/carers to continue, especially if there are any adaptations to resources, especially with the new Reception intake each year.

Cathy also outlined that all relevant policies linked to the PHSE & RSE provision are on the school's websites.

Sajad suggested that there might be a place for the Working Party to continue to meet termly; there might also be an option for 'drop-in' sessions to be run by members of the Working Party so that they can offer a 'voice' for the parents/carers, and in turn take any points raised back to the staff at school and the Working Party.

Ruth (Allen) outlined that communication via the website and Class Dojo was a good way as our parents/carers have really taken to using it during lockdown.

Obaida asked whether adaptations can be signposted to the Working Party so that not everything had to be re-looked at?

Nicola agreed, and added that it is important that school staff can make changes as necessary.

Obaida agreed, indicating that it was important that changes can be made to reflect society and community changes.

Cathy added that new resources will be produced, there's a lot more commercialism regarding the topic, and more effective resources may be created.

Sajad outlined that it was important that resources are checked through so that they are appropriate.

Nicola was keen to start consultations with parents/carers as soon as possible, suggesting a Zoom meeting for each class, meaning that schools would be ready to deliver the curriculum by September. Cathy agreed that this could be replicated at Thornton. Nicola suggested that the sessions would be led by school staff, but it would be good if members of the Working Party were able to attend to show the close working of the group.

Obaida outlined that it would be better to hold these sessions after Half Term as Ramadan would be over and parents/carers would not be fasting. Obaida also outlined it would be helpful to hold a session after school time so as to cater for working parents.

Nicola agreed, but said that it was preferable to hold all of the meetings in the school day initially, then offer an additional session afterwards as it would enable a more personal touch with parents/carers from their own classes who may know each other that little bit better. Schools would identify which parents/carers did not engage and signpost them to additional dates.

Obaida raised the fact that some parents/carers may require translation. Nicola outlined that most families now have someone who speaks English well enough to participate in the Zoom

meeting, but also started that school staff can translate if necessary. Obaida and Sajad also said they would be willing to translate if required.

#### **Next Actions**

- a) Sajad & Obaida to produce a joint letter to parents/carers outlining the current situation and the work of the Working Party. Included in this will be the dates and times of the Zoom sessions (attached to these minutes).
- b) Zoom meetings to be held at both schools as outlined
- c) Working Party to reconvene in order to discuss feedback from Zoom sessions

#### 5.AOB

Sajad introduced Ruth (Donegan-Cross) as a Governor from Sladefield who had been invited to the meeting as she was overseeing PHSE provision in her role as a Governor.

Ruth thanked the Working Party for the meeting, and said it was great to be part of the group at the end of a very thorough process.

#### 6. Next Meeting

The Working Party members agreed to meet on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00am.

Next meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00am on Microsoft Teams.

Meeting closed at 10.44am.

# RSE Zoom Consultation Sessions – Sladefield Pupils

Meeting ID: 966 447 2810 Passcode: RM120780

## **Current Reception - Tuesday 8th June**

#### Led by RM, NC & RA

Class 9 – 9.15am

Class 10 – 10.00am

Class 11 – 10.45am

Class 12 – 11.30am

## Current Year 1 - Wednesday 9th June

#### Led by RM, NC & RA

Class 5 – 9.15am

Class 6 – 10.00am

Class 7 – 10.45am

Class 8 – 11.30am

## Current Year 2 - Friday 11th June

#### Led by CG & KB-R, attended by RM/NC also

Class 1 – 9.15am

Class 2 – 10.00am

Class 3 – 10.45am

Class 4 – 11.30am

# **RSE Microsoft Teams Consultation Sessions – Thornton Pupils**

## Current Year 3 - Tuesday 15th June

#### Led by CG & KB-R

Class 3EB – 9.15am

Class 3AH - 10.00am

Class 3MJ – 10.45am

Class 3SQ - 11.30am

## Current Year 4 - Wednesday 16th June

## Led by CG & KB-R

Class 4SH – 9.15am

Class 4GJ - 10.00am

Class 4TW - 10.45am

Class 4AB - 11.30am

Class 4DR - 12.15pm

## Current Year 5 - Thursday 17th June

#### Led by CG & KB-R

Class 5BA – 9.15am

Class 5ZY – 10.00am

Class 5NG - 10.45am

Class 5ST - 11.30am

Class 5TR – 12.15pm